

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant originally submitted Claims 1-40 in the application. In a previous response, the Applicant amended Claims 1-2, 5-6, 17-18, 25-26, 28, 30 and 39-40 and added Claims 41-67. In the present response, the Applicant has amended Claims 14 to correct an insufficient antecedent basis.

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 18-24 are allowable and that dependent Claims 2-5, 7-13, 15-17, 26-38, 40, 50-52 and 54-62 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. (Examiner's Action, page 4). Thus, to expedite issuance, the Applicant has amended independent Claims 1, 25, 39 and 49 and canceled Claims 4, 27, 40 and 62 without prejudice or disclaimer. Additionally, the Applicant has added Claims 68-115 which includes independent Claims 68, 80, 90, 96, 101 and 106 that have allowable subject matter per the Examiner. Accordingly, the Applicant argues for the allowance of currently pending Claims 1-3, 5-26, 28-39, 41-61 and 63-115.

I. Rejection of Claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner has rejected Claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for an insufficient antecedent basis. In response, the Applicant has amended Claim 14 to provide the correct antecedent basis. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to remove the rejection of Claim 14 and allow issuance thereof.

II. Rejection of Claims 1, 6, 14, 25, 39, 41, 43-49, 53, 63-64 and 66-67 under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 6, 14, 25, 39, 41, 43-49, 53, 63-64 and 66-67 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,970,100 to Olafsson, *et al.* (Olafsson). The

Examiner's rejection is now moot since independent Claims 1, 25, 39 and 49 have been amended with allowable subject matter as indicated by the Examiner. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the §102(e) rejection with respect to Claims 1, 25, 39 and 49 and Claims dependent thereon. Thus, the Applicant respectfully request the allowance of Claims 1, 6, 14, 25, 39, 41, 43-49, 53, 63-64 and 66-67.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicant now sees all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicits a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-3, 5-26, 28-39, 41-61 and 63-115.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication to Deposit Account No. 08-2395.

The Applicant requests the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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